

November 11

In the morning, the President met separately in the Waldorf-Astoria hotel with President Thabo Mbeki of South Africa, President Andres Pastrana of Colombia, and President Fernando de la Rúa of Argentina.

In the afternoon, the President had lunch at the Waldorf-Astoria hotel with Gov. George E. Pataki of New York and Mayor Rudolph W. Giuliani and Mayor-elect Michael Bloomberg of New York City. Later, he went to the site of the September 11 terrorist attacks on the World Trade Center to attend a ceremony honoring victims of those attacks. He then returned to Washington, DC.

November 12

In the morning, the President had a telephone conversation from the Oval Office with President Jiang Zemin of China to congratulate him on China's accession to the World Trade Organization. He also met in the Oval Office with the Congressional Domestic Consequences Committee to discuss economic stimulus and aviation security legislation.

Later in the morning, the President met with his National Security Council in the Situation Room at the White House. During the meeting, the President received notice of the crash of American Airlines Flight 587 in Queens, NY. He then had telephone conversations with Mayor Rudolph W. Giuliani of New York City and Gov. George E. Pataki of New York to express his condolences and to inform them of Federal response efforts.

Also in the morning, the President had a telephone conversation with Prime Minister Tony Blair of the United Kingdom.

November 13

In the afternoon, the President and Mrs. Bush traveled to the Bush Ranch in Crawford, TX.

November 14

In the morning, the President met with his National Security Council by teleconference from the Bush Ranch.

In the evening, the President and Mrs. Bush hosted a dinner at the Bush Ranch for President Vladimir Putin of Russia and his wife, Lyudmila.

The President announced his intention to nominate Francis Joseph Ricciardone, Jr., to be Ambassador to the Philippines and Palau.

The President announced his intention to nominate Sean O'Keefe to be Administrator of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration.

The President announced his intention to nominate Nancy Southard Bryson to be General Counsel of the Department of Agriculture.

The President announced his intention to nominate Vickers B. Meadows to be Assistant Secretary of Housing and Urban Development for Administration.

The President announced his intention to nominate the following individuals to be members of the J. William Fulbright Foreign Scholarship Board: John Willard Johnson, Jan Donnelly O'Neill, Donald Edward Vermeil, and Steven Joel Uhlfelder.

The President announced his intention to appoint Jennifer Cabranes Bracer as a member of the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights.

November 15

The President announced his intention to nominate Randal Quarles to be Deputy Under Secretary of the Treasury for International Affairs and, upon confirmation, to designate him as Assistant Secretary of the Treasury.

Nominations Submitted to the Senate

The following list does not include promotions of members of the Uniformed Services, nominations to the Service Academies, or nominations of Foreign Service officers.

Submitted November 15

Michael A. Battle, of New York, to be U.S. Attorney for the Western District of New York for a term of 4 years, vice Denise E. O'Donnell, resigned.

Beverly Cook,
of Idaho, to be an Assistant Secretary of Energy (Environment, Safety and Health), vice David Michaels, resigned.

Arthur E. Dewey,
of Maryland, to be an Assistant Secretary of State (Population, Refugees, and Migration), vice Julia Taft.

J. Paul Gilman,
of Virginia, to be an Assistant Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency, vice Norine E. Noonan, resigned.

Louis Kincannon,
of Virginia, to be Director of the Census, vice Kenneth Prewitt, resigned.

Edward Kingman, Jr.,
of Maryland, to be Chief Financial Officer, Department of the Treasury, vice Lisa Gayle Ross, resigned.

Edward Kingman, Jr.,
of Maryland, to be an Assistant Secretary of the Treasury, vice Lisa Gayle Ross, resigned.

Vickers B. Meadows,
of Virginia, to be an Assistant Secretary of Housing and Urban Development, vice Marilyn A. Davis.

Melanie Sabelhaus,
of Maryland, to be Deputy Administrator of the Small Business Administration, vice Fred P. Hochberg.

Morris X. Winn,
of Texas, to be an Assistant Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency, vice Romulo L. Diaz, Jr., resigned.

Withdrawn November 15

Shirlee Bowne,
of Florida, to be a Director of the Federal Housing Finance Board for a term expiring February 27, 2004, vice J. Timothy O'Neill, term expired, which was sent to the Senate on September 14, 2001.

Checklist of White House Press Releases

The following list contains releases of the Office of the Press Secretary that are neither printed as items nor covered by entries in the Digest of Other White House Announcements.

Released November 12

Transcript of a press briefing by Press Secretary Ari Fleischer

Released November 13

Statement by the Press Secretary announcing that the President signed H.R. 2925 on November 12

Fact sheet: New Strategic Framework with Russia

Fact sheet: Russian-American Media Entrepreneurship Dialogue

Fact sheet: U.S. Government Nonproliferation and Threat Reduction Assistance to the Russian Federation

Fact sheet: Russian WTO Accession

Fact sheet: Russia and Counternarcotics

Fact sheet: Sakhalin I Project

Fact sheet: Caspian Pipeline Consortium

Fact sheet: Jackson-Vanik and Russia

Fact sheet: Overseas Private Investment Corporation (OPIC) of the United States Activity in Russia

Fact sheet: Russian-American Banking Dialogue

Fact sheet: Russia Small Business Fund (RSBF) of the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development (EBRD)

Fact sheet: Export-Import Bank of the United States in Russia

Fact sheet: Joint Statement on Cooperation Against Bioterrorism

Released November 14

Transcript of a press gaggle by Press Secretary Ari Fleischer

Transcript of remarks by the Vice President to the U.S. Chamber of Commerce